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MONTHLY FARM REPORT

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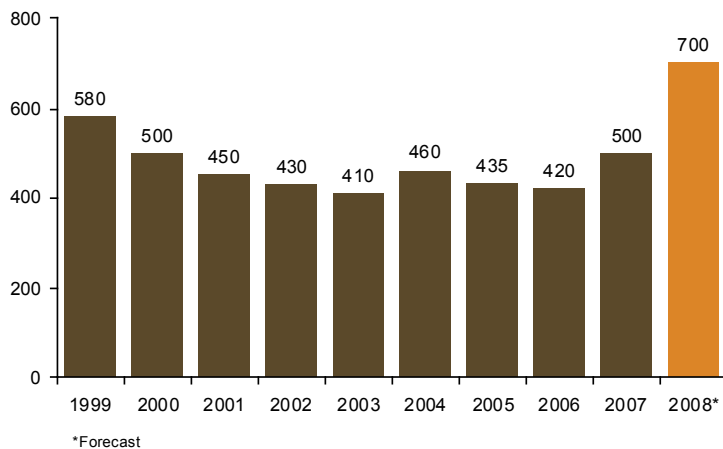


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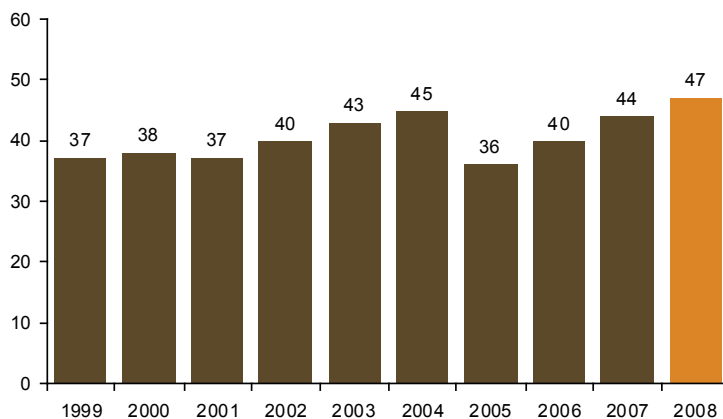
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WINTER WHEAT HARVESTED (Thousand Acres)



SWEETPOTATOES PLANTED (Thousand Acres)



WEATHER SUMMARY

MAY: Precipitation during the month of May was below normal to adequate. Early in the month, the State received steady rain events. As the month progressed, the Mountain region was not getting as much rain as the Coastal and Piedmont regions. The topsoil moisture in the Mountain region was becoming considerably drier than those in the Piedmont and Coastal regions. Toward the end of the month, rain events were not as frequent, and farmers were beginning to worry about the future of their crops. Temperatures for the month of May were mostly below normal. So far stress levels are limited for crops.

WINTER WHEAT

Winter wheat harvested acres in North Carolina is forecast at 700,000 acres for 2008, up 40% from the 500,000 acres harvested in 2007. Production forecast has also increased from 20.0 million bushels in 2007 to 37.1 million bushels in 2008, an 86% increase. Yield per acre is forecasted at 53.0 bushels per acre.

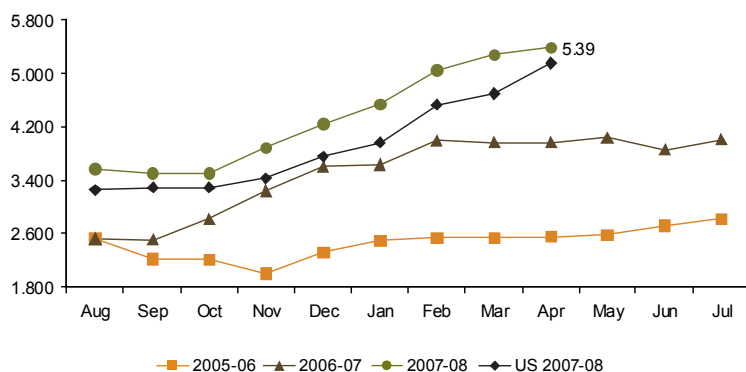
SWEETPOTATO

Sweetpotato production in 2007 totaled 6.665 million hundredweight, a 5% decrease from the 2006 record high of 7.020 million. Total acres harvested in 2007 was 43,000 up 4,000 acres from 2006. Yield was at 155 hundredweight per acre down 14% from 2006.



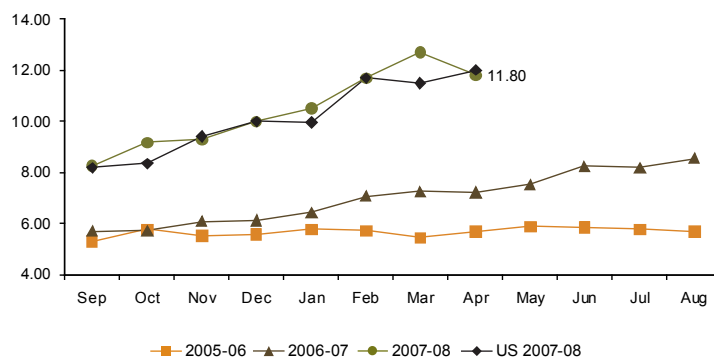
MONTHLY PRICE RECEIVED FOR CORN

(Dollars per Bushel)



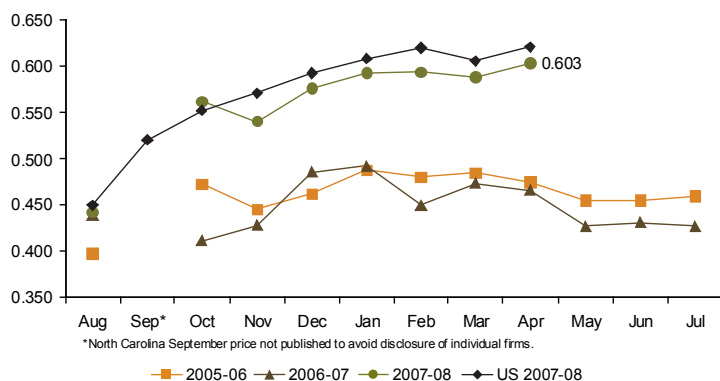
MONTHLY PRICE RECEIVED FOR SOYBEANS

(Dollars per Bushel)



MONTHLY PRICE RECEIVED FOR UPLAND COTTON

(Dollars per Pound)



MAY PRELIMINARY PRICES RECEIVED

- Corn \$5.95 per bushel
- Cotton \$0.560 per pound
- Soybeans \$12.40 per bushel
- Hogs \$55.70 per hundredweight
- Eggs \$0.700 per dozen



CHICKS HATCHED - April

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	2007	2008	Percent Change
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>+/-</i>
Alabama	112,044	113,553	+1
Arkansas	100,668	97,978	-3
Delaware	14,601	14,303	-2
Florida	4,990	5,038	+1
Georgia	123,523	120,937	-2
Kentucky	27,259	28,139	+3
Louisiana	14,176	13,516	-5
Maryland	31,455	32,386	+3
Mississippi	69,012	69,021	0
North Carolina	70,018	70,044	0
Oklahoma	25,336	22,737	-10
Pennsylvania	13,833	15,173	+10
South Carolina	18,814	19,423	+3
Texas	54,838	55,734	+2
Virginia	23,119	22,680	-2
California, Missouri, Tennessee, & West Virginia	72,041	72,209	0
19 States ¹	775,727	772,871	0
Other States ²	23,566	24,610	+4
United States	799,293	797,481	0

¹ States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. ² Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

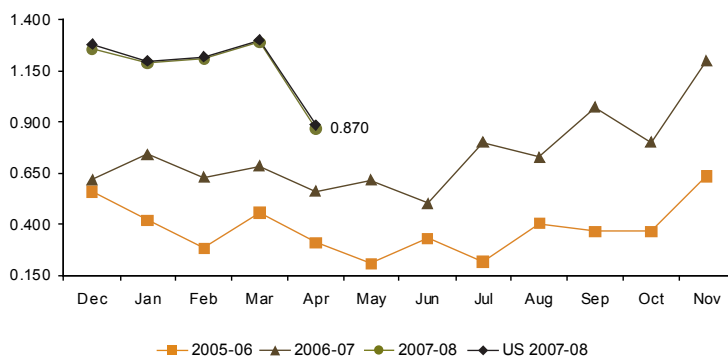
LIVESTOCK HIGHLIGHTS

TURKEY HATCHERY - North and South Atlantic Region: Eggs in incubators on June 1, 2008 totaled 11,153,000. This total is up 4% from the 10,677,000 eggs reported on June 1, 2007. Poults hatched during May 2008 totaled 9,186,000, a 3% increase from the 8,943,000 poults hatched in May 2007.

CHICKEN EGGS - South Atlantic Region: Broiler-Type eggs in incubators on May 1, 2008 totaled 243,720,000. The total was down 3% from the May 2007 total of 252,344,000 eggs. The total number of Egg-Type eggs in incubators on May 1, 2008 increased 7% from the previous year to 4,958,000 eggs.

MONTHLY PRICE RECEIVED FOR MARKET TYPE EGGS

(Dollars per Dozen)



EGG PRODUCTION - April

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Million Eggs</i>					
Alabama	9,248	9,436	174	175	27	28	147	147
Florida	10,315	10,460	229	221	219	213	10	8
Georgia	19,593	18,940	400	380	218	199	182	181
North Carolina	12,075	12,700	240	257	101	120	139	137
South Carolina	4,851	4,491	95	95	73	73	22	22
United States	345,578	341,159	7,472	7,384	6,367	6,278	1,105	1,106



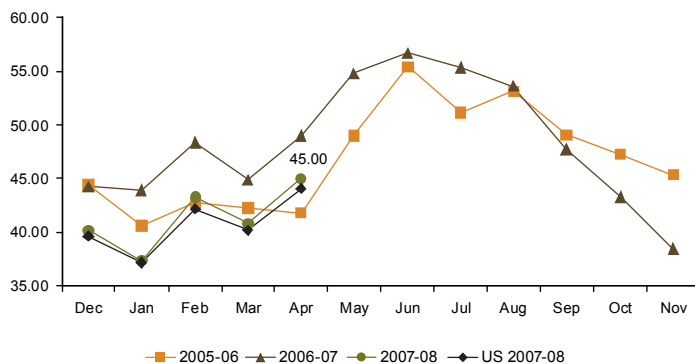
LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - April

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered ¹		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered ¹		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>Thousand Pounds</i>		<i>Million Head</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	
Cattle	16.8	19.1	19,638	21,876	2.7	3.0	3,324	3,714	2,015	2,255
Hogs	848.3	1,078.3	219,122	283,378	8.5	10.0	2,285	2,690	1,712	2,015

¹ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

MONTHLY PRICE RECEIVED FOR HOGS

(Dollars per Cwt.)



WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS ¹ - April 6-12, 2008 with Comparisons ²

REGION ³	TYPE OF WORKER						Number of Hired Workers	
	Field		Livestock		All Hired ⁴			
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Dollars per Hour						Thousands	
Appalachian I	8.46	9.34	9.22	9.54	9.32	9.98	20	27
Appalachian II	8.64	8.87	9.07	10.07	9.77	10.05	22	29
Southeast	8.00	8.93	9.04	8.81	8.83	9.66	33	25
United States ⁵	9.35	9.65	9.59	10.32	10.20	10.60	736	700

¹ Excludes agricultural service workers. ² Survey period in 2007 was April 8-14. ³ Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC. ⁴ All Hired Workers includes supervisory and other workers. Piece rates not included. ⁵ Excludes Alaska.

FERTILIZER PRIMARY NUTRIENT APPLICATIONS, 2007



Primary Nutrient	Planted Acreage	Area Applied	Applications	Rate per Application	Rate per Crop Year	Total Applied
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Pounds per Acre</i>	<i>Pounds per Acre</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>
Upland Cotton	500					
Nitrogen		92	2.0	34	68	31.3
Phosphate		71	1.2	27	31	11.0
Potash		89	1.1	89	99	44.2
Sulfur		25	1.4	17	23	2.9
Apples	6,800 ¹					
Nitrogen		56	1.1	64	70	267.2
Phosphate		53	1.1	77	83	297.1
Potash		54	1.1	76	82	300.7
Sulfur ²						
¹ Bearing acreage. ² Insufficient reports to publish fertilizer data.						

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